

HOUSE BILL 1085

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 29, relative to the "Tennessee
Governmental Entity Review Law."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-104, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c)(1) Notice of the time and place of the public hearing shall be published in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in each of the state's major metropolitan areas, Nashville, Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and the tri-cities area composed of Bristol, Johnson City and Kingsport, ten (10) days prior to the hearing.

(2) In addition, a notice of intent to hold the public hearing shall be published at least once every ninety (90) days, listing all entities that might be scheduled for such hearings during the subsequent ninety (90) days.

(3) Funding allocated for purchasing publication of such notices in Nashville, Memphis, rural west Tennessee, Knoxville and Chattanooga newspapers may be expended to purchase publication of such notices within newspapers published primarily for distribution within the African-American communities within Nashville, Memphis, rural west Tennessee, Knoxville and Chattanooga.

(4) A notice of intent to hold a public hearing shall be posted on the general assembly's website as well as the website of the comptroller of the treasury. Such website shall include information regarding whom persons interested in the public hearing should contact, the nature and purpose of governmental review public hearings, and any other information that will assist members of the public to have an opportunity to

express their degree of satisfaction with the governmental entity that is the subject of the public hearing.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.